

OTHER REPORTS AND PUBLICATIONS FROM THE UNC SMART START EVALUATION TEAM

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∞ Child Care Quality

Validating North Carolina's 5-Star Child Care Licensing System (February 2001). *Independently gathered data from 84 child care centers validates North Carolina's new 5-star child care licensing system. Centers with higher star ratings are indeed providing a higher quality of care for young children.*

Family Child Care in North Carolina (August 2000). *This report describes a study that documented the quality of care in family child care homes and the relationship between quality and participation in Smart Start.*

Smart Start and Quality Inclusive Child Care in North Carolina (May 2000). *The study described in this report examined the role of Smart Start in supporting high quality inclusive child care.*

Quality of Early Childhood Programs in Inclusive and Noninclusive Settings (1999). Buysse, V., Wesley, P. W., Bryant, D., & Gardner, D. *Exceptional Children*, 65, 301-314. *Article published in a peer review journal. Based on Effects of Smart Start on Young Children with Disabilities and their Families (December 1996).*

Effects of a Community Initiative on the Quality of Child Care (1999). Bryant, D., & Maxwell, K. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 14, 449-464. *Article published in a peer-reviewed journal. Based on The Effects of Smart Start on the Quality of Child Care (April 1997).*

Effect of a Smart Start Playground Improvement Grant on Child Care Playground Hazards (August 1998). *This report presents results from a comparison of the playground safety of child care playgrounds in a county that used Smart Start funds for playground improvement compared to a non-Smart Start county.*

Child Care in the Pioneer Partnerships 1994 and 1996 (December 1997). *This report presents more detailed information about child care centers that were included in The Effects of Smart Start on the Quality of Child Care (April 1997).*

The Effects of Smart Start on the Quality of Child Care (April 1997). *This report presents the results of a 2-year study of the quality of child care in the 12 pioneer partnerships.*

Effects of Smart Start on Young Children with Disabilities and their Families (December 1996). *This report summarizes a study of the impact of Smart Start on children with disabilities.*

Center-based Child Care in the Pioneer Smart Start Partnerships of North Carolina (May 1996). *This brief report summarizes the key findings from the 1994-95 data on child care quality.*

∞ Kindergartners' Skills

A Six-County Study of the Effects of Smart Start Child Care on Kindergarten Entry Skills (September 1999). *This report presents results from kindergartners in six counties who attended Smart Start-funded child care centers compared to a random group of kindergartners who attended a broad range of child care.*

The Effects of Smart Start Child Care on Kindergarten Entry Skills (June 1998). *This report presents results from a pilot study of kindergartners in one county who attended Smart Start-funded child care centers compared to a random group of kindergartners who attended a broad range of child care or no child care.*

Kindergartners' Skills in Smart Start Counties in 1995: A Baseline From Which to Measure Change (July 1997). *This report presents baseline findings of kindergartners' skills in the 43 Smart Start counties.*

∞ Health

The Effect of Smart Start Child Care on Children's Access to Health Care at Kindergarten Entry (September, 2000). *This brief report presents findings of the impact of Smart Start on children's health.*